Scope of NREGS works in coastal areas

408. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the scope of undertaking National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) works is limited in the case of coastal areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to change the list of permissible works to suit the peculiar conditions in the coastal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The issue of inclusion of more works in the list of permissible works under NREGA is under examination.

Indira Awas Yojana

409. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to increase the target of Rural Housing under 'Indira Awaas Yojana'; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) During the 'Bharat Nirman' period from 2005-06 to 2008-09, 60 lakh houses were envisaged to be constructed under IAY. It has now been proposed to double this figure and to construct 120 lakh houses during next five year's period starting from the current year 2009-10. The physical target for the current year is for construction of 40.52 lakh houses.

Study report on NREGA

410. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to study by think tanks National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Public Interest Foundation (PIF) has found many flaws plaguing UPA Government's flagship National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) including funds not reaching its intended beneficiaries;

(b) if so, whether the cases of corruption, fudging in muster rolls, discrepancies in work days and payments have been reported in almost all studies of NCAER-PIF; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove difficulties pointed out in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The study report of NCAER-PIF has been examined in the Ministry and it is